GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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SEA BIRD NAVAL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sea Bird Naval Project originally sanctioned in 1985 at Rs. 350 crore was rescheduled in 1995 for completion by 2005;

(b) whether tardy progress in implementation of approved rehabilitation package for the affected families led to its revision several times with increase in financial burden by Rs. 78.2 crore;

(c) if so, the reasons for delaying the project;

(d) the progress and the steps taken to complete the project in time;

(e) whether consultancy services at a high rate has caused extra expenditure of Rs. 7 crore for the project; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 274 FOR 7.12.2000

The creation of Phase-I of Naval base atKarwar at an estimated cost of Rs. 350 crores (1985 price level) was approved in August 1985. The cost was approximate and was to be firmed up after completion of Detailed Project Report by the consultants.The consultant submitted the Master Plan and the Detailed Project Report for Phase-I of the Project Sea Birdn mid 1990. CCPA approved the creation of Phase-I of Naval Base under Project Sea Bird, in October, 1995, at an estimatedcost of Rs. 1294.41 crores with completion in year 2005.

The rehabilitation package initially formulated for rehabilitation of the project affected families, had to be revised upwards based on the discussions held with the state Government of Karnataka as also to implement the directions given by the Karnataka High Court and the National Human Rights Commission.The final cost of the rehabilitation package sanctioned in April, 2000 is Rs. 126.96 crores. The Project is proceeding as per its scheduled completion in 2005.

The marine works contract has been concluded with a consortium comprising M/s Hochtief ofGermany, M/s Ballast Nedam of Netherlands and M/s Larsen & Toubro of India on18th August, 1999. The contractor has mobilised the equipment and major preliminary works have been completed. Harbour work etc. is nearing completion. Dredging for breakwater construction is scheduled to commence in mid December 2000. M/s Redecon- Nedeco, who are the consultants for the marine works are presently on site to supervise the execution of marine work.

The tender for consultancy services for the onshore works consisting of technical infrastructure, administrative & logistic facilities and township has already been concluded with M/s MECON.Site survey and updating of Detailed Project Reports is in progress by M/s MECON.

The progress of the project is being closely monitored by Project Headquarters at Delhi and Project Implementation Monitoring Team positioned at site. The progress of the project is also reviewed from time to time by the Project Management Board (PMB) headed by Defence Secretary. Last such review by PMB was made on 2nd November, 2000.

Consultancy contract have been concluded at the competitive rates as per following details:-

(i) Redecon and Nedeco consultants Rs. 28.24 crores for marine works execution supervision.

(ii) M/s MECON for design and Rs. 14.40 crores construction supervision of onshore facilities.